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(54) **Leak-noise data logger**

(57) A leak-noise data logger (1) comprising an acoustic transducer (4), means for sampling the output of the acoustic transducer; means for measuring the most persistent sampled noise in a monitoring period and means for outputting a ranked indication of the most persistent sampled noise. The leak-noise data logger (1) may also include means for measuring the quietest sampled noise in the monitoring period and means for outputting a ranked indication of the quietest sampled

noise. The basis for ranking the quietest and the most persistent noise indications can be on the basis of the measured values. The basis for ranking the most persistent noise indications can also be on the basis of the "lower sample concentration" of noise samples, by which is meant the dB extent of the samples from the quietest noise to the most persistent noise; the steepness of the distribution curve and the skewing of the distribution of noise samples.

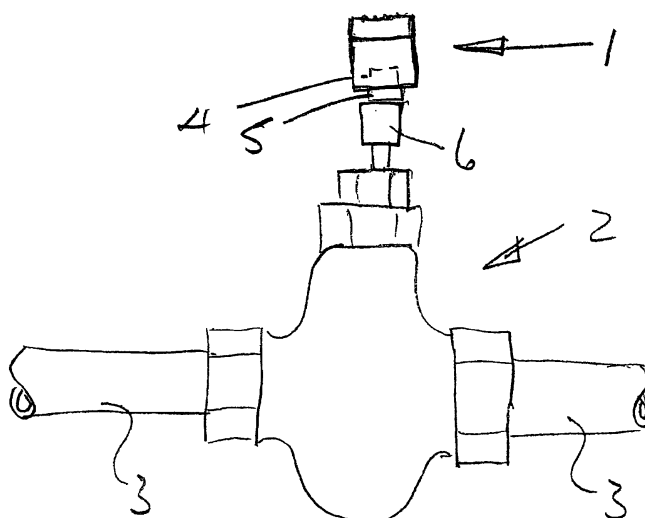


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